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SUBJ.: LOS CONSULTATIONS WITH MICRONESIANS

SAIPAN FOR STATUS LNO TRENT

1. SENATOR AMARAICH, CHAIRMAN OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
JOINT COMMITTEE ON LOS, MET ON NOVEMBER 23 IN WASHINGTON
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERAGENCY LAW OF THE SEA TASK
FORCE.

2. AMARAICH WAS INFORMED THAT WE WOULD FIND A WAY FOR
MICRONESIANS TO BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR LOS

VIEWS TO THE CONFERENCE. ACCORDINGLY, A MICRONESIAN
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REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD PLAN TO COME TO CARACAS FOR

SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF THIRD CONFERENCE ON LOS TO BE HELD
FROM JUNE 20 - AUGUST 29.

3. WHILE PRESENT MICRONESIAN LOS POSITION WAS NOT ACCEPT-

ABLE TO US, AMARAICH WAS TOLD WE ARE REVIEWING SUBSTANTIVE
POSITIONS OF BOTH MICRONESIANS AND US TO IDENTIFY COMMON
GROUND AND TO SEEK POSSIBLE AREAS WHERE DIFFERENCES COULD
BE NARROWED. LOS TASK FORCE HAD ESTABLISHED MICRONESIAN
WORKING GROUP UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF HOWARD POLLOCK,
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
AGENCY, TO STUDY PROBLEM, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND MAINTAIN

CONTINUING LIAISON WITH MICRONESIANS.

4. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO AMARAICH THAT MICRONESIAN
REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE ON US DELEGATION FOR PURPOSE OF
MAKING PRESENTATION OF MICRONESIAN POSITION IF US SUPPORT-
ED MICRONESIAN VIEW. IF US DID NOT SUPPORT THEIR VIEW,
WE WOULD STILL FIND A WAY FOR THEM TO PRESENT THEIR
POSITION. BUT IN SUCH A CASE US WANTED TO RETAIN SOME
FLEXIBILITY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT PRESENTATION WOULD BE
MADE BY MICRONESIAN IN CAPACITY OF (TEMPORARY) MEMBER OF
US DELEGATION. IN ANY CASE THE US WOULD HAVE TO DISCLAIM
THE MICRONESIAN POSITION IF WE DID NOT SUPPORT IT.

5. IT WAS AGREED WITH AMARAICH THAT TASK FORCE REPS
WOULD TRAVEL TO SAIPAN SOMETIME DURING LAST TWO WEEKS
IN JANUARY TO PRESENT RESULTS OF US REVIEW OF SUBSTANTIVE
POSITIONS. AMARAICH ASSURED US THAT TASK FORCE REPS
COULD MEET AT THAT TIME WITH MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE
ON LOS. WHILE HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER ANY FORMAL
PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WOULD BE POSSIBLE,
AMARAICH DID INDICATE INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH LEADERSHIP
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BESIDE JOINT COMMITTEE
MEMBERS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. TASK FORCE REPS AGREED TO SEND
AMARAICH CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE SCHEDULING ARRANGEMENTS
AS WELL AS CERTAIN LOS DOCUMENTS.

6. AMARAICH STATED THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO OUR DIS-
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SEMINATION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT OUTLINING
PRELIMINARY MICRONESIAN LOS POSITION. WE SAID WE WOULD
PASS IT TO SELECTED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR COMMENT. HE
ASKED FOR LIST OF SUCH GOVERNMENTS AND RECEIVED ASSURANCE
THAT US WOULD FORWARD REPORT TO THEM WITHOUT COMMENT. KISSINGER

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